



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO NEWS RELEASE

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## **AS FIRE SEASON GEARS UP, COUNTY PURCHASES NINE NEW FIRE TRUCKS** *County to Provide \$4.2 Million in Firefighting Equipment*

Several rural fire agencies will receive nine new fire trucks from the County today after a decision by the Board of Supervisors to allocate money from the County's general fund to provide firefighting equipment to agencies that desperately need it. The \$4.2 million in new firefighting equipment will be presented to fire agencies by County Fire Prevention Division personnel.

"The addition of the new trucks moves us further along in safe-guarding communities that, literally, are in the line of fire," said Supervisor Bill Horn.

"The County of San Diego is moving aggressively to protect its communities from wildfires and this step demonstrates the County's commitment to fire protection and our willingness to allocate general fund dollars to provide equipment to those agencies who can't afford it," said Supervisor Dianne Jacob.

The County has purchased nine fire engines total and seven water trucks which will help suppress fires in our region for years to come. The equipment will be an indispensable tool in helping to prevent disasters such as the October 2003 Wildfires.

This convoy of fire trucks will be rolled out on Wednesday, May 23 at 1:15 p.m. in the lower lot of the County Operations Center Annex located at 5201 Ruffin Rd. in Kearny Mesa.

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